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☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (28 pages).
- ☐ Informal drawings (0 sheets, Figures 0).
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
- ☒ Assignment of the invention to Chicago Board of Trade.
- ☒ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
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- ☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).
- ☐ Claim for Convention Priority.

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